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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 over Schwertfeger et al. in view of Smith has been withdrawn in response to Applicant's arguments. However, new 35 U.S.C. 103 rejections have been applied over the newly-submitted art of Burns et al., Lentz, and Frank et al., as discussed below.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. Many of the references listed on page 3 and at the top of page 4 of the information disclosure statement (IDS) filed August 17, 2000 fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) because there is not a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent listed that is not in the English language. The references have been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered. In addition, the U.S. patent application numbers listed on pages 5 and 6 of the IDS, corresponding to PCT publications, have been considered but are crossed through because it is not proper U.S. practice to publish other U.S. patent application numbers on the front of a patent. The corresponding PCT publications were entered on the attached PTO-892.